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Subject: Re: EPA WQS for SD

Hi Shannon, here's the latest information I found on the Aluminum and Selenium Implementation Guidance documents.

In October, EPA's Office of Water sent the latest draft of the aluminum guidance to ACWA for co-regulator review and comment. The draft was expected to be released for public comment in Winter or Spring. My contact at OW said hopefully fall.

The good news that the selenium guidance is supposed to be released first so fingers crossed it'll be out within the next couple of months.

I'll definitely keep you posted as I get updates. Also, I'll speaking with our Region 8 WQS liaison from HQ tomorrow and will ask about what criteria are on the horizon.

Thanks - and have a great evening!

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Subject: RE: EPA WQS for SD

I see the aluminum guidance is still a draft. Any idea on when that guidance may be approved and official? Thanks.
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From: Wirick, Holiday <wirick.holiday@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: [EXT] EPA WQS for SD

Hi Shannon, sorry for this late response. I'm trying to finalize ND's WQS approval letter and ESA 7(d) memo.

Definitely selenium and aluminum. I'll talk with my team to see if there's anything else that should be on your radar. I'll let you know.

Congratulations on being the new Patrick!

Have a great evening,

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Hi Holli –

As you may have guessed, I will be replacing Patrick on the WQS side of things for DANR. As I mentioned on our conference call a few weeks ago, I'd like to reach out to you and EPA to get a list of some WQS changes that EPA thinks may be a priority for South Dakota. Also – as I mentioned on the phone – this is just to get it on MY radar as I am not aware of past conversations that EPA may have had with Patrick or DANR. And honestly, I have not been involved or stayed up to speed on WQS stuff.

So my request – is if you could give me some ideas of WQS that EPA has adopted and provided implementation guidance on – that SD has yet to consider for state adoption. Again, not making any promises – just wanting to get it on my radar so I can start researching and figuring out what will work for SD. I am not requesting an EPA wish list for SD to adopt! 😊 Just a few that we should consider for our next triennial. I know that the selenium criterion is one of them- and I have some fading memory about aluminum.

We also intend on doing our triennial every 3ish years and open up the standards for comment. But we also plan on doing smaller updates (perhaps annually or every other year) to get beneficial use changes made, basic wording changes, and other less controversial ones moved through (so our triennial package isn't as large and so that we can start implementing some of the easy ones sooner). Perhaps after I get a few ideas we can chat about it on a video call. Thanks for your help with this!

Shannon